House Resolution No. 1274

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State students who admirably demonstrate their true potential as lifelong learners, involved citizens, and future societal leaders through the excellence of their achievements in their chosen fields of athletic endeavor; and

Whereas, Brandon Mitchener of Kirkwood, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a senior at Kirkwood High School where he is an athlete and the coeditor of <u>The Call</u> student newspaper; and

Whereas, a former soccer player and a current member of the tennis and racquetball teams, on February 24, 2008, Brandon Mitchener became the first male player from Kirkwood High School to take First Place in the top singles division at Missouri State Racquetball Championships; and

Whereas, Brandon Mitchener followed his state victory by taking Second in the blue boys single division at the United States Racquetball High School National Tournament, which was held in Portland, Oregon, between February 27 and March 3, 2008; and

Whereas, Brandon Mitchener partnered with junior Joe Marlo to place Third in the boys doubles at Nationals and with fellow senior Julia Rich to finish Fourth in mixed doubles; and

Whereas, his success at Nationals earned Brandon Mitchener the additional honor of being named as an All-American racquetball player; and

Whereas, Brandon Mitchener plans to continue playing racquetball while majoring in journalism and business at either the University of Missouri or the University of North Carolina; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse legislative actions in order to recognize such outstanding Missouri students as Brandon Mitchener at momentous times in their lives:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the season-long accomplishments enjoyed by Brandon Mitchener on the racquetball court and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon taking First Place in singles state competition; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Brandon Mitchener of Kirkwood, Missouri

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1274, adopted March 26, 2008.